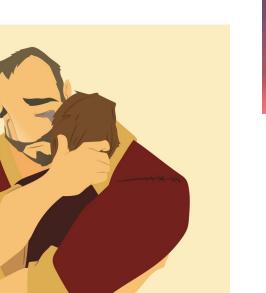


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Sunday Masses: Weekday Masses: 8:30am 11:00am 5:15pm Tuesday - Friday: 5:15pm





### *Fourth Sunday of Lent* March 30, 2025

This Week: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Psalm 34; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:18 Next Week: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Patrick Catholic Community is to proclaim and live the Gospel message of unconditional love, healing, and reconciliation, through prayer, celebration, and action on behalf of justice, as a sign of hope for all God's people.



Welcome to Saint Patrick Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Our close-knit and diverse parish family has been serving our neighborhood since 1866. Young, old, poor, rich, various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds gather to proclaim and live the Gospel message of unconditional love, healing, and reconciliation through prayer, celebration, and action on behalf

of justice as a sign of hope for all God's people. From our lively music to our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation program; from our commitment to liturgy being truly "the work of the people" to plentiful social outreach opportunities through our St. Patrick-Champion Outreach Center, St. Pat's continues to be a vibrant community of faith that is centered in prayer and action that extends far beyond the walls of our buildings.

Saint Patrick is the third oldest parish in Memphis following St. Mary in The Pinch and St. Peter downtown. Our community was founded to serve the growing number of working-class Irish families in the south Memphis neighborhoods.

Despite sickness and tragedy of the Yellow Fever Epidemics in Memphis, the community continued to grow. In 1904, construction on a new Romanesque church building began. The parish served as a "mother church" to two new parishes, St. Thomas in Soulsville and Immaculate Conception in Central Gardens during this time. To honor our Irish heritage, the co-patrons of Ireland, Saint Patrick and Saint Brigid are featured on either side of the Holy Family in the apse above the Sanctuary. Our pipe organ is the oldest working pipe organ in Memphis. Completed and dedicated in 1905 by the Bishop of Nashville, Right Reverend Thomas S. Byrne, our gathering space stands today as a testament to not only the enduring spirit of our community, but also our charism of accompanying the people of God through the tests of time. The St. Patrick campus resides on the ancestral homeland of the Quapaw Nation.

In 1954, St. Patrick welcomed the Paulist Fathers, who served our community until 2013. Our time with the Paulists during the Civil Rights Movement, drastic changes to our neighborhood, and changes within the Catholic Church at large imbued our community with our famous radical welcome, commitment to justice and solidarity, and a call to action to love God and each other. As a result of the missionary spirit of the Paulist Fathers, many of our traditions such as an empowered laity, the Good Friday Neighborhood Stations of the Cross, Noyze in the Hood caroling, the first LGBTQ Catholic ministry in Memphis, and various outreach ministries that still root us in place and faith began.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and Vatican II, St. Patrick became a full-time gathering space for the community and worship and not just a space for Sunday obligation. Taking note from the global Church and the Acts of the Apostles, we choose to forego kneeling and commit to the active act of standing shoulder-to-shoulder in communion with God and each other during Mass. Except during the solemn seasons of Advent and Lent, we clap during the Great Amen and hold hands during the "Our Father." We believe Mass is a celebration, Mass is a feast, Mass is a chance to share in the glory of God together actively and with joy. Some of our members still kneel and we encourage everyone to do what connects them with God and makes them comfortable.

We heartily welcome all who come through our doors and are committed to accompanying each other on all journeys of faith.

Today's Psalm Response

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Psalm 34)

# 11am MASS

**Live streamed Every Sunday at** www.bit.ly/StPatrickFacebook

> Worship Aid Available Readings and Music <u>www.stpatsmemphis.org</u> Click on Communications

### **Replayed on YouTube after 1:00 pm** www.bit.ly/StPatrickYouTube

#### Baptismal Preparation Class For Parents and Godparents



If you plan to participate in a Baptism in the next few months, please call the parish office 901-527-2542 so we can schedule a preparation class.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation



Sundays 7:50 am-8:10 am 10:20 am-10:40 am 4:40 pm-5:00 pm or by appointment 901-527-2542

Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

### OCIA A JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM

Our Journey to Catholicism sessions are held Sundays at 9:45am in the St. Brigid Room in the Rectory. At this time, Sean Alphonse, Keith Schap, Nikki Whitworth and Noel Whitworth are preparing for Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Anthony Rodriguez and Dan Knopf, who are both already Catholic, will also be confirmed. This celebration will take place at the Easter Vigil.





Apr 6, 5:15 pm, Deceased members of the Hough and Bridges Families by Carolyn Bridges Apr 15, 5:15 pm, +Richard Lazarini by Carolyn Bridges

#### <u>WEEKLY CALENDAR Mar 30 - Apr 6</u> Sunday, Mar 30

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
- 9:45 pm, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atria
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 9:45 am, Journey to Catholicism, St. Brigid Room
- 11:00 am Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 11:00 am, Youth Group Service Mass
- 12:15 pm, Youth Group, Youth Room, Center
  - 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

### Tuesday, Apr 1

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- 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel
- Wednesday, Apr 2
- NO Mass
- 6:00 pm, Lenten Penance Service, Church

#### Thursday, Apr 3

• 5:15 pm, Mass, Chapel

#### Friday, Apr 4

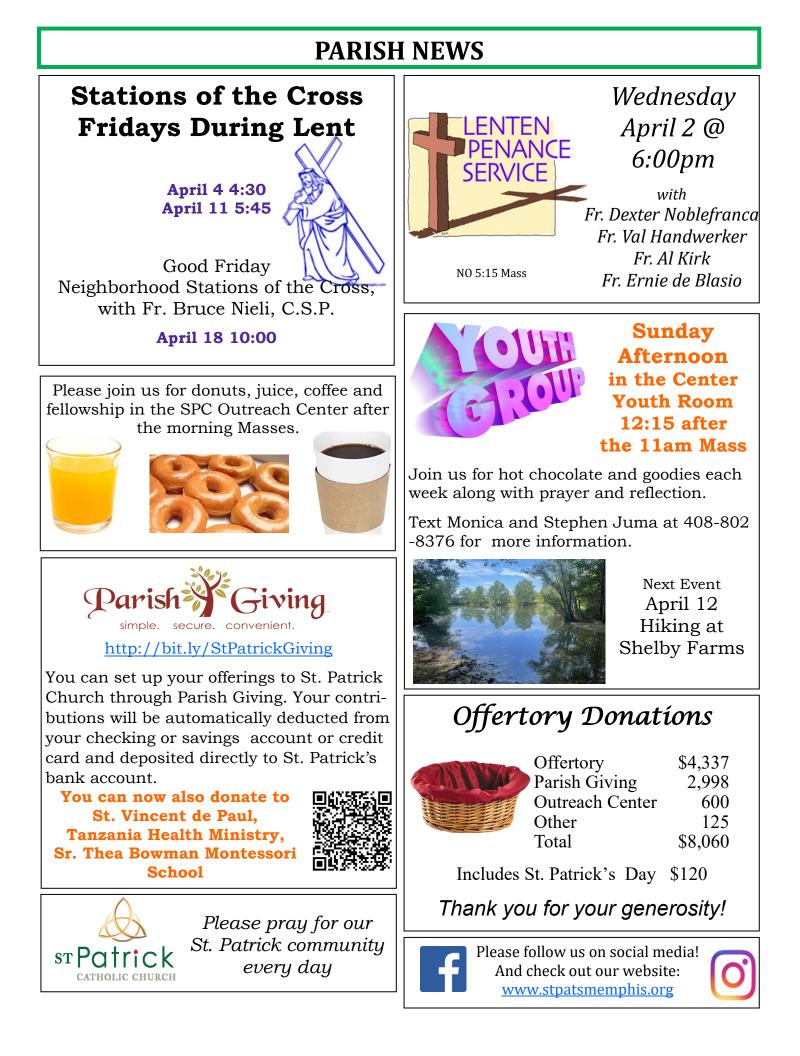
- 4:30 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church
- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church
- 5:45 pm, First Friday Adoration

### Sunday, Apr 6

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15pm Masses
- Second Collection: Outreach Center
- 9:45 pm, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atria
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 9:45 am, Journey to Catholicism, St. Brigid Room
- 11:00 am Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:15 pm, Youth Group, Youth Room, Center
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

### A JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM

If you have questions about becoming Catholic Please, call or email Sally Greene 901-483-3656 or bg1220@aol.com.



# Please pray for the sick in our parish community, our friends and loved ones:

Mary Baldwin, Pete Alfonso, Fran Barendse, Ray Barker, Rosemary Batorski, Ray Berthiaume, Judy Bettice, Jane Marie Blackham, Sydney Bowers (Pamela Higgins' granddaughter), Antonio Bradshaw, Dick Brereton, Ricky Burnett, Terri Burns (Mary Ann Burns' daughter-in-law), Andrew Carroll, David Carter (Renae Taylor's nephew), Deacon Eugene Champion, Sam Cochran, Janice Craven (Tim Craven's daughter), Annabel Crowson, Peggy



Cunningham, Mateo Duarte, Bryan Duffel, Sue Ann Duffy, Dot Eubanks, Gloria Sangster Fort, Jerry Foster, Sean Garlick, Senait Gebreab, Stephen Golanka (Mary Evans' son), Pat Gorney, Bob Greene, Thelia Green, Terry Greene Sr (Bob Greene's

brother), Diane Griggs (Don Lawrence's daughter), Richard Grinder, Sr. Maureen Griner, Janis Habbaz, Travis Handwerker. Diane Harder. Patrick Harkins. Lisa Harris (Bob Greene's sister), Pamela Higgins, Maureen Hough, Brian Huebner, Juanita Huff, Floridia Jackson, Roberta Kane (Mike Watermeier's sister-in-law), Jan Kidder, John Letchworth, Luca (Aletta Roebuck's two-year-old great-grandson), Evelyne Malone, Karen Mathis (Mac Mathis' daughter), Jan-Blaise and Aggie Llew MacEarhern (children of Brianna and Blaise MacEachern), Fenton McEvoy, Della Miles, Maureen Mischler, Bill Morman (Monica and Stephen Juma's uncle), Stephen and Margaret Murphy, Terry Nesmith, Nora O'Connell, Brad Patterson, Rusty Ramsey, Earl Randle, John Clarence Simmons, Connie Simpson, Samantha Smith, Tara Stebbins, Tracy Sweat, Shelby Terry (Ray and Louise Terry's daughter-in-law), Kelly Townsend, John Trouy (Beth Trouy's brother), Mary and Melvin Tuggle (Chandra Tuggle's parents), Lynn Tune, Robert Tutson, Pam Watermeier, Nia Watkins, Courtney Whalum (Kirk and Ruby's daughter), Jan Watson, Basil White, Lucy Winston (daughter of Karen Scott), Mary Wynn (Sharon Shea's mother), Cynthia Zawacki, Jan Zinselmeyer (Sr. Margaret Ann Zinselmever's sister-in-law)

**Notify Parish Office:** If you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to be added to our prayer list, or if someone has recovered and should be removed from our list, please call the parish office at 901-527-2542.



#### Small Faith Sharing and Prayer Groups

Sunday by Sunday Faith Sharing Group Braganza Room, Outreach Center Sunday, 9:45 a.m. Pat Papachristou ppapachr@cbu.edu

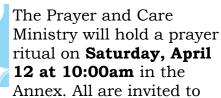
A Prayer Circle Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. for about 30 minutes Jan Kidder jan.kidder62@gmail.com

Sunday by Sunday Faith Sharing Group Fridays 10:30 am - Noon on Zoom Louise Cayo 901-833-1506 Donna McLellan 901-210-8321

Say Their Names Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Linda Opiel <u>lindaopiel@comcast.net</u> Sandy Heiss <u>heisshouse@yahoo.com</u> Jan Kidder jan.kidder62@gmail.com

Sunday by Sunday Faith Sharing Group Thursday, 10:30 - noon Judy Bettice Call 901-327-8068 or text 901-216-7208

### **Prayer and Care Ministry**



offer prayers (silently or voiced) for those who are struggling with illness, disability or advanced age. A Ministry volunteer will lead the quiet ritual with time for silent or spoken intentions. For further information, contact Hugh Taylor @ 901-438-9395 (voice or text) or <u>hughtylr@yahoo.com</u>.



First Friday of the month Adoration in the Chapel

**April 4** 5:45 - 6:30pm

# A Story of Hope From Nigeria

### Paying it Forward as a Lead Mother.

Amina Bukar, a mother of five, is a well-respected leader and small business owner in Muna Moforo, Nigeria. In her village nutrition group, she teaches mothers how to prepare nutrient-rich porridge for their children to help them grow strong and healthy. This is important because in Nigeria, more than 25 million people face extreme hunger and lack nutritious food. Amina makes regular house visits to families in her community to provide support and knowledge for leading healthy lives.



Amina and her family used to live in their hometown of Marte. She owned a chicken farm and a store. Her husband, Garba, worked for a water and land conservation agency. But in 2014, violence in their community forced them to flee their village.

"My husband placed me and the children in a pick-up truck and asked us to go my auntie's house," Amina says. "I left with just my purse, a small amount of money and the clothes on my back. I used to live well but suddenly, I lost everything. It affected me mentally."

After arriving in Muna Moforo, Amina and her family had to start life all over again. Amina joined a Catholic Relief Services program that provided food and cooking supplies. This enabled her family to eat healthy meals as they worked to rebuild their lives and find employment.

"Before we didn't have the money to buy sardines or even eggs to eat well," Amina says. Now, she and her family can prepare balanced meals, like <u>eggs and</u> <u>yams</u> for breakfast.



Amina started a food grinding business to earn income. She also began preparing specialty foods to sell in the market, like hibiscus drinks and gingerbread palm fruit. She earned enough money to support her family's needs and now provides materials to other women to help them start their own businesses.

"[Amina] is always here, listening to the women and their concerns," says Garba, her husband. Because of her supportive and caring nature, Amina was nominated to be a lead mother in her village. By empowering mothers and caregivers, she is helping her community overcome the challenges of hunger so they can thrive!

### What is Laetare Sunday?

Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration within the austere period of Lent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words (*incipit*) of the traditional Latin entrance verse (Introit) for the Mass of the day. *"Laetare Jerusalem"* ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") is Latin from Isaiah 66:10. The full Introit reads:

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. *Psalm*: I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

Priests wear rose-colored vestments instead of the purple vestments normally worn during Lent, and flowers appear on the altar.



Lowell Smith	April 1	Ellen Weirich	April 16
Wes Stuart	April 1	Andrew Brown	April 17
Elise Lippincott	April 2	Scott McEwen	April 17
Gail Paxton	April 2	Rusty Ramsey	April 17
Jose Luz	April 4	Andrea Tunia	April 17
Cecelia Joy Mason	April 4	Clara Long	April 19
Leah Flettrich	April 5	Teresa Geoghegan	April 21
Rene Smith	April 8	Katie Schmitz	April 21
Eboni Baldwin	April 9	Jeanin Nachtrab	April 22
Maureen McGargill	April 10	Jorge Espinoza	April 23
Rekenia Cole	April 11	Lucy Burgess	April 24
Christian Salcedo	April 11	Bryan Dominguez	April 24
Estella KuyKindall	April 13	Calvin Buford	April 25
Allison Samisch	April 14	Ellie Towell	April 26
Carson Somes	April 14	Bill Spaulding	April 27
Marlene Keenan	April 15	Blake Terry	April 27
Rosemary Batorski	April 16	Philip Woodard	April 30



Congratulations to Stephen and Monica Juma on the adoption of their daughter, Bella Lucía!

# **St. Patrick - Champion Outreach Center 2nd Collection Next Sunday**

**Food Ministries: Food Pantry Sunday Lunch Sack Lunches Mobile Food Pantry** 

**Health Ministry: Foot Care Health Screening** 

**Clothes Closet and Embers of Hope** 



### Retirement



Julie Boland, the parish Office Manager, plans to retire at the end of our fiscal year on June 30. Please pray for her health and happiness. And that leads to ...

### **Help Wanted**

Position Overview:

The Office Manager serves as the central point of coordination for the parish's daily operations, ensuring smooth administrative support and effective communication among staff, members, and visitors. This role requires excellent organizational skills, attention to detail, and a warm and welcoming demeanor.

Key Responsibilities:



- 1. Administrative Duties
- 2. Bookkeeping
- 3. Communications
- 4. Resource Coordination
- 5. Event and Volunteer Support

**Oualifications**:

- Passion for serving the mission of St. Patrick Catholic Church
- Proven experience in office management, • administration, or a similar role.
- Strong organizational and multitasking • abilities.
- Proficiency in bookkeeping software and basic accounting principles.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- A positive and service-oriented attitude, • with a commitment to the church's mission.
- Familiarity with church operations and sensitivity to the needs of the congregation and visitors.

Start Date: June 2, 2025

For complete position requirements, please contact Julie @ julie.boland@stpat.cdom.org. Submit your resume to Shannon Curtis @ shannon.curtis@stpat.cdom.org.

# WITH GAY & LESBIAN PERSONS

Please join us for our

#### First-Tuesday-of-the-Month Potluck

6:30pm | Food, Fellowship, Prayer 7:00pm | Speaker | Marian Hall Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

# April 1, 2025: Rev. Michael Werkhoven

Pastor, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Reflections on Ministering to Teens Through SEARCH

Bring a dish if you can, but come anyway if not!

l are Welcome

Gay, Straight, Family, Friends, and Allies of All Faiths & Cultures Welcome Contact us for more info: *CMGLP@ic.cdom.org* 

### **Prayer for Ukraine**



Mother of God, to your Immaculate Heart we entrust and dedicate all humanity, the Church, and all believers, especially Russia and Ukraine. Please intercede amidst our human weaknesses. Rain

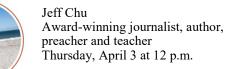
down compassion and offer forgiveness to Putin and Russian leaders for their crimes against humanity. Give them hearts of mercy for a peaceful end to this unjust war. Ease the suffering of the Ukrainian people, banish all evil, and light this inconceivable darkness with your unconditional love. Amen

# **LENT** at CALVARY PREACHING SERIES & THE WAFFLE SHOP

This year's preaching series will also be live-streamed at noon, Wednesday through Friday, on <u>Calvary's Face-book page</u>, <u>YouTube channel</u>, and <u>website</u>.



Barbara Brown Taylor Episcopal priest, academic author; Clarkesville, GA Wednesday, April 2 at 12 p.m.





Dorothy Wells Eleventh bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi Friday, April 4 at 12 p.m.



Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel, Memphis, TN Wednesday, April 9 at 12 p.m.

Micah Greenstein



Christopher Davis President of LeMoyne-Owen College, Memphis, TN Thursday, April 10 at 12 p.m.



Pádraig ÓTuama Poet, peacemaker, storyteller, Ireland Friday, April 11 at 12 p.m.

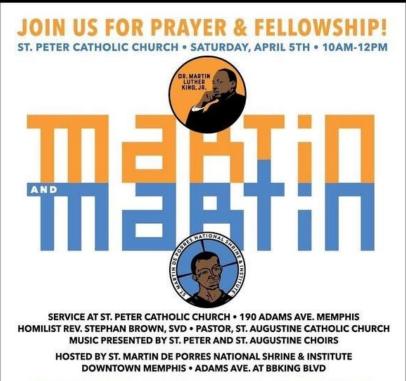
# **Parish Library**

You are invited to visit our parish library in the Annex

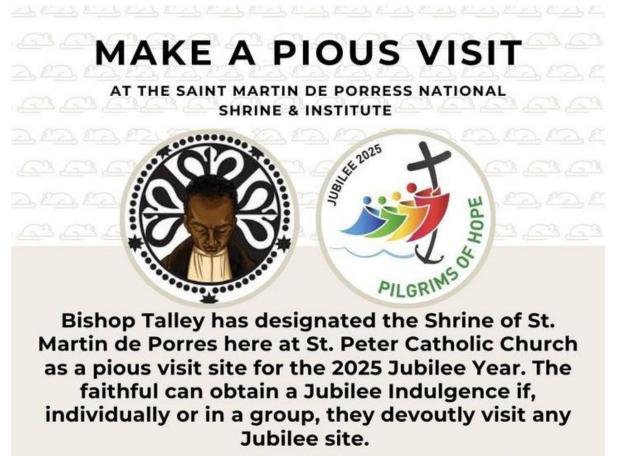
Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm or by Appointment



### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**



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### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**



### 2025 Upcoming Events

March One:One series



MARCH Fri. 7-Sun. 9 Lenten Retreat

Be part of our second annual Lenten retreat. Experience inspiring talks, delicious meals, and a peaceful opportunity to reflect, find serenity, and embrace the Lenten season.

Session 1: Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> (evening)-Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> (morning) Session 2: Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> (evening)-Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> (morning)



May

One: One series



APRIL Thurs. 10-Sun. 13 Silent Retreat

Start Thurs. or Fri. in preparation for Holy Week. Make Your Own Personal Meditative Retreat. No rules, no requirements. Attend daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, or group prayer. Spiritual direction available including spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola option.

#### MAY Fri 9-Sun. 11 Prayer + Reflection

Join us for this time of prayer and reflection with Sister Mary Lawrence, O.P. and Fr. Mike Werkhoven. This retreat will treat you to delicious meals, and a peaceful opportunity to pause and find peace.

Session 1: Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> (evening)-Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> (morning) Session 2: Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> (evening)-Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> (morning)

### June



JUNE Fri. 6–Sun. 8 Come, Holy Spirit, Come! We invite you to join us for a Pentacost

Weekend Retreat with Paco Gavrilides from Franciscan University at Steubenville. This weekend will reignite the joy and passion of the Holy Spirit within you.



JUNE Fri. 13-Thur. 19 Family Stay-Cay

Pick from 1–6 nights for an enjoyable and budget-friendly family staycation. Enjoy daily Mass, prayer, Bible school (*catechesis*), campfires, movies, games, and tasty food. It's a great way to bond with family and refresh.

Through our **Pray IT Forward Program**, we offer Catholic resources and free or discounted retreats for those who would normally not be able to attend.

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March 30, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Mike Stengel	Nora O'Connell	Anita Houk
Lector 2	Wayne Fuller	Avery Kjellin	Louise Cayo
EMHCs	Tobia Fuller Julie Schap Kate Pera		Jeanine Blackwell Shannon Curtis
Cantor	Sandy Heiss	Kevin Kimberly Youth Group Singers	Russell Moose
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Dominic Spano	Liam O'Connell Sofia Lesure	
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Marriah Baldwin	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Donna Ellis McLellan		

March 23, 2025	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Del Stiner	Debra Brittenum	Jeanine Blackwell
Lector 2	John Wigley	Lauren Ready	Linda Jackson
EMHCs	Julie Long Kate Pera Mike Stengel	Oneata Windler Margaret Calicott	Louise Cayo Shannon Curtis
Cantor	Rusty Ramsey	Sandy Heiss	Bill Gaudet
Musician	Diego Parra	Diego Parra	Diego Parra
Altar Servers	Peyton Spano	Liam O'Connell	Chuck Blackwell
Sacristan	Sharon Valente	Marlene Keenan	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Lent		

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#### **ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Please contact any of these people with comments, suggestions, or offers of help!

Lester Brown
Doan Dinh
Sophie Duffel
Sandy Heiss
Jan Kidder
Donna McLellan
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#### Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

#### Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at 1-877-237-0004, then to the Diocesan Director of Child & Youth Protection at 901-359-2027 or the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 901-652-4066.